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PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT IN BIHAR .SHRI RAJO SINGH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to save the environment during the last three years;

(b) the amount released under the Environment Protection Scheme so far, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up Pollution Control Board in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) The steps taken to protect the environment during the last 3 years include the following:

- ambient air quality standards and emission standards for industrial units have been notified
- emissions from highly polluting industrial units and thermal power plants are regularly monitored and action is taken against the defaulting units.
- For control of pollution from automobiles, stricter emission standards, supply of unleaded petrol in major cities, installation of catalytic converters and introduction of low sulphur fuel
- Preparation of zoning atlas for siting of industries based on environmental considerations in various districts of the country has been taken up.
- For reduction of vehicular pollution, emission standards and fuel quality standards have been notified. The manufacturers are now required to mention in their advertisements that their vehicles meet the prescribed emission norms as per the notification issued by MoEF.
- Power plants (coal based) located beyond 1000 kms. from the pit-head are required to use low ash content coal (not exceeding 34%) w.e.f. 1.6.2001. Power plants located in the sensitive areas are also required to use low ash coal irrespective of their distance from the pit-head.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

(c) & (d): No, sir. The State Government of Bihar has already set up Bihar State Pollution Control Board in accordance with the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.